

Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative Leadership Group
TO REDUCE EMISSIONS FROM 1 MILLION DIESEL ENGINES BY 2010
Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

The Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative was created to address emissions from “in-use” or existing diesel engines that are not affected by EPA’s stringent standards for cleaner fuels and cleaner engines. We estimate over 350,000 engines out of 3.3 million in the Midwest have been affected through the installation of idle reduction and diesel retrofit technologies, the adoption of anti-idling policies, and/or the use of cleaner fuels, which has resulted in the reduction of over 1,800 tons per year of pollutant emissions. Over the past year the Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative, in conjunction with our public and private industry partners, held eight public forums to educate fleet managers and public policy officials on the opportunities to reduce emissions from diesel-powered engines. These forums have proven valuable in enhancing our partnerships with private industry as well as in engaging the public and private sector to address this significant public health challenge.

To provide a catalyst for further emissions reductions in the Midwest, USEPA Region 5 is establishing the **Midwest Clean Diesel Leadership Group**, comprised of public sector and private industry representatives. The primary purpose of this group is to demonstrate that continued leadership and public-private partnerships are essential to address this challenge.

This Memorandum of Understanding represents recognition of these overlapping interests and the intent to develop a partnership with respect to those interests. EPA and the signatory of this MOU agree to collaborate with each other, as well as with private and non-profit interests and government entities, to drive organizations, companies, and entities to improve air quality and reduce air pollution emissions.

Specifically, the Leadership Group:

- recognizes that diesel exhaust is an air quality and public health challenge;
- recognizes that clean diesel technology manufacturers, governments, private industry, and the financial community have critical roles in reducing diesel emissions in the Midwest and protecting public health and the environment;
- commits to take action within their own organizations to increase attention and investment in clean diesel technologies and practices;
- commits to address challenges in implementing diesel emission reduction programs.
- commits to provide EPA with regular updates regarding progress in reducing diesel emissions
- commits to publicize the accomplishments of their organization’s work with the Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative

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